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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title):

POLYMER ELECTROLYTE, PROTON CONDUCTIVE MEMBRANE AND

MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY

By (Inventors):

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- 41 pages of Specification/Claims 1-4/Abstract are attached.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- An assignment of the invention to HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD and JSR CORPORATION is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- Priority of foreign application No. 2003-27268 filed February 4, 2003 in Japan is claimed under 35 Ø U.S.C. §119.
- \boxtimes A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	
BASIC FEE		+*	
TOTAL CLAIMS	5 - 20	= 0	
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	=	
☑ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			

SMALL ENTITY			
RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>	
	\$ 385	<u>OR</u>	
x 9 =	\$	<u>OR</u>	
x 43 =	\$	<u>OR</u>	
+145 =	\$	<u>OR</u>	
TOTAL	\$	<u>OR</u>	

	LARGE ENTITY		
RATE		FEE	
	01	\$ 770	
	x 18	\$	
	x 86	\$	
	+290	\$290	
-	TOTAL	\$ 1060	

 \boxtimes A check in the amount of \$1100 (\$1060 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted

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